

LOW TO VOTE OR STEWART BLOCK

Mayor, Comptroller and Borough President Favor Purchase of the Property for the New City Hall.

PLANS ARE ALL PREPARED.

Acquisition of Block North of Proposed Site Will Also Be Discussed To-Morrow at Meeting of Board of Estimate.

Borough President Cantor has had the engineers of his department at work taking surveys of the Stewart block on which it is proposed to build the new City Hall and perhaps the mammoth municipal building, and the calculations as to probable cost for the property, as well as the dimensions, have been figured.

Forty millions of dollars in acquiring the property and erecting the proposed new city structures will be involved in this latest enterprise of the administration.

The scheme contemplates taking possession of the entire block bounded by Broadway, Nassau, Centre and Chambers streets, and the eastern end of which is now being erected the handsome Hall of Records building. The old Stewart Building facing Broadway will be torn down, as well as the Emigrant Savings Bank and the American News Company's and other buildings.

Fronting Broadway it is proposed to erect a new and imposing State Courts Building to take the place of the present structure in City Hall Park, which will be taken down. Between the new State Courts building and the Hall of Records the plan contemplates the erection of the new City Hall and possibly the new municipal building.

Another and later plan is to combine the two, making the one building answer jointly the purpose of City Hall and municipal building.

This stupendous project will be discussed at the meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at the meeting to-morrow, when the report of the engineers will be read.

The Mayor, President Cantor and Comptroller Brown, who comprise the committee appointed by the Board a few months ago to consider the plan, will report in favor of acquiring immediate possession of the Stewart block and the erection of the projected new buildings.

The acquisition of the block of property to the north of the Stewart block will also be discussed, as it has been proposed to erect thereon a mammoth municipal structure which shall accommodate all of the city departments in full and afford every facility for the conducting of the city's affairs under the one roof.

Autopsies of these plans comes a story, heretofore unpublished, which reveals the fact that but for the present project to take over the Stewart block a bank president might have been Comptroller of the city instead of Mr. Groul.

That man is President McMahon, of the Emigrant Savings Bank, which is one of the buildings to be torn down when the block is acquired. The plans, which were projected under the Tammany administration, were then well known to President McMahon, and he was also informed that their consummation was but a matter of a year or two.

When he was tendered the nomination for the office of Comptroller of the City, McMahon declined, saying that in the event of his election his occupancy of the office would be in the city for the purpose of taking the Stewart block, for he, as Comptroller, could not consistently be a part of the city for the purchase of his own bank building.

For this reason solely he declined the nomination, which then went to Mr. Groul.

WATCHMAN DIED WITH CAT ON LAP.

He Had \$35 in His Clothes, but No One Knows Who He Is or Where He Lives.

Police Officer O'Neill, of the West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street station, passing the shanty in front of the new apartment house at No. 164 West One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street, stopped to see if the gray-haired watchman was asleep. Seeing the old man stretched in his chair with his black cat curled up in his lap, he passed on.

Later, when O'Neill passed the shanty, again, he was surprised to find the old man, still stretched out in his chair. The policeman shook the old man, who rolled off his chair dead. The cat, still on his lap, moved pitifully.

An ambulance surgeon from the J. Flood Wright Hospital said that the watchman had been dead for several hours. Nothing was known of him by the workmen on the apartment house except that he was called Fox. There was \$35 in his clothes.

FIREMEN HURT.

Fire in T. F. Ryan's House Indirect Cause of Serious Accident.

A small fire in the library of Thomas F. Ryan's home at No. 60 Fifth avenue was the cause of the injury of two firemen and the death of one of the horses attached to Engine No. 72, although the blaze was of so little consequence that Mrs. Ryan, aided by the servants, put it out.

An alarm of fire was sent in, and as the engine turned into Fifth avenue the machine was thrown against the curb and Lieut. Walsh and Fireman Edward O'Connor were thrown from their seats. Freed from the engine the horses dashed on until one of the three struck its head against a lamp-post and broke its back. It was dragged for a block by its master, and was dead when the horses were finally stopped. The firemen were painfully bruised.

If you are interested in our imports and exports, look up "Foreign Trade of the United States" in the 1903 World Almanac.

THE BLOOMER-GIRL INSPECTOR WHO WILL WARN IMMIGRANTS.



She Will Go Down the Bay and Board Ships from Revenue Cutter's Deck by Climbing Ladder.

The sight of jauntily attired "bloomer girls" scaling the ladders of incoming revenue cutters is a vision which Uncle Sam's boarding officers and the registry clerks at immigration headquarters at Ellis Island are discussing with considerable anticipation.

The orders sent William Williams, Immigration Commissioner, from Washington to appoint five women inspectors for the port of New York has resulted in scores of applications being made to the Commissioner by young women who are anxious to don the uniform and assume the duties, which are to warn the first and second cabin female passengers against procurers for evil resorts.

The five women inspectors will necessarily have to go down the bay and meet incoming steamships on the revenue cutter. The climbing of the ladder on the side of the ship will be a detail of their work.

The most vital question which arose after the announcement was made at Washington that five female inspectors should be appointed was as to the dress of the women who will scale the ship's sides and follow in the footsteps of the men inspectors.

And now it has been decided. Commissioner-General Sargent himself suggested part of the costume to Margaret Dye Ellis, whose efforts brought about the President's action in ordering the appointment of the women inspectors.

When the women inspectors sail down the bay they will be clad in navy-blue bloomers, with a blue skirt heavily weighted, reaching to the shoe tops. High gaiters will be worn, a close-fitting blue jacket and an inspector's cap.

An official badge will further announce their position.

It was the Commissioner-General who suggested the weighting of the skirts and who first brought up the subject of a uniform being adopted.

When Margaret Dye Ellis, Superintendent of Legislation for the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, first asked that women inspectors be appointed to look after the welfare of young girls coming to this country and to spare them the fate of falling into the hands of procurers, her idea was that the inspectors could meet the foreign arrivals at the docks.

WHIST FOR CHOP SUEY?

Maybe So; Anyway Chinamen Were Discharged in Court.

Two more farcical raids on gambling houses in Chinatown were made last night by Detectives McGinnis and Grimshaw, of the Elizabeth street station. These raids have been frequent of late, and in no instance have the Chinamen arrested been held.

There were seventeen of them in Centre Street Court to-day. Of these six had been captured at No. 12 Pell street. The others were taken in at No. 18 Doyers street. The detectives were un-

der the impression that the Chinamen were playing a game of hide-and-seek with the police.

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GREAT DANE A KILLER.

Small Terrier's Impertinence Followed by Fatality.

A very dark man, whose fierce black mustache was rendered more fierce by a wide-brimmed sombrero and who was followed by a ferocious-looking bull-terrier, entered the saloon of Simon Koehler, at Seventeenth street and the Boulevard, West New York, last night. After taking a drink he made some in front of the bar, and then set his

bull-terrier on it. The Great Dane jumped away from the bar, and the small terrier by the middle of the spine and tossed it into the air. When the terrier landed on the floor its back was broken and it died in a few minutes. The owner of the dog left the saloon howling all manner of vengeance.

Honor Queen Victoria's Memory.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—The second anniversary of the death of Queen Victoria was observed to-day at Windsor, London and elsewhere. King Edward, Queen Alexandra, the Prince and Princess of Wales and other members of the royal family were present at a service.

WHITE HOUSE GOODS SOLD.

High Bids Made by Belle Hutton for Pieces Used by Presidents.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The old furniture that was in the White House before it was remodelled for the Roosevelt administration, many bidders striving to carry away relics of five administrations. The auctioneers were not slow to see that the crowd was composed of relic hunters.

William White on which were President Arthur's initials was another much-sought prize, and chains and mirrors and other articles sold readily. About fifty pieces were disposed of.

Young Clancy Is Looked Up.

Luke Clancy, twenty years old, of No. 229 East Fifty-first street, called last night at the West Thirtieth Police Station and said he was the boy with whom James Daniel Daly, the story of whose disappearance was published in yesterday's World, had a fight last Saturday. Clancy said that when the fight ended Daly's nose was bleeding. Daly's father appeared at the station and demanded Clancy's arrest. Clancy was held as a suspicious person.

KEPT MARRIAGE A SECRET.

When They Got Good and Ready They Told Neighbors About It.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Jan. 22.—It was announced to-day at South River that Miss Agnes Service, of South River, and George Van Deventer, of Bayville, were married in Newark, Oct. 15, 1902, and had kept the marriage secret until they were "good and ready to tell it." South River people had suspected for some time that Mr. Van Deventer and Miss Service were man and wife, but neither would admit it. The families of each knew of it and helped the young people to keep their secret.

Always Busy Because Always Rich in Value Giving.

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Shoe Bargains for Friday

That Are Quite Extraordinary.

WOMEN'S SHOES, button and lace, medium soles, patent leather tips; neat shapes; these shoes sell ordinarily at \$1.50 and \$2.00. **1.00**

WOMEN'S SHOES, shoes for dress or daily use, of kid, calf and patent leather, in button and lace, several styles in heels and toes; mostly \$3.50 shoes. **1.95**

MEN'S SHOES—Box calf and kid, lace, with heavy soles of pure oak-tanned leather, welted and stitched; made on the most popular of this season's lasts; the balance of former \$2.50 and \$3.00 shoes. **1.65**

(Women's shoes, Second Floor, East.)
(Men's shoes, Main Floor, East.)

Framed Pictures for Flats

Many Will Welcome This Idea.

Hundreds of people go to keeping house daily. The picture problem is not always an easy one to solve. Often economy is a vital factor. The following offer is particularly good.

We Will Furnish Three Rooms of Your Flat or House with Pictures for \$15.00.

The list of Pictures is as follows:

FOR THE PARLOR.
1 PASTEL in gilt Florentine frame.
1 ARTOTYPE in gilt Florentine frame.

FOR THE BEDROOM.
5 Colored PHOTO COLORS in gilt frame.

FOR THE DINING-ROOM.
2 ETCHINGS in gilt frames.
1 PANEL with 3 pictures, game and fruit subjects.
4 COLORED PICTURES.

Examination of these Pictures will prove what a really excellent opportunity this is, from both the art and economy point of view.

Interest in the Mid-Winter Furniture Sale

Increases Every Day.

If the prices were not lower than during any other time of the year except August, there would be such powerful reasons why you should buy now.

The best interests in behalf of economy urge you to attend this splendidly planned Mid-Winter Sale. The week is naturally one of great business. Such fine bargains as these in Furniture command prompt attention:

Dining Chairs.

DINING CHAIRS, similar to cut, made of quartered oak, golden finish, carved back seat; regular price, \$3.00; special price, **2.00**

ARM CHAIRS, to match; regular price, \$6.00; sale price, **4.00**

DINING CHAIRS, made of quartered oak, golden finish, French legs, carved claw feet; regular price, \$4.50; sale price, **3.00**

ARM CHAIRS to match; regular price, \$6.75; sale price, **5.25**

Dining Tables.

ROUND OAK DINING TABLES, 4 ft. in diameter, golden finish; pedestal base; regular price, \$25.00; sale price, **19.50**

ROUND OAK DINING TABLES, 4 ft. 2 in. in diameter; golden finish; pedestal base; carved claw feet; regular price, \$35.00; sale price, **28.25**

China Closets.

CHINA CLOSETS, made of solid oak, golden finish, three grooved shelves, small plate mirror on top, regular price, \$21; sale price, **15.50**

CHINA CLOSETS, made of quartered oak, golden finish, three grooved shelves, with inside mirror back, regular price, \$27.75; sale price, **21.00**

Parlor Cabinets.

A first-class selection of Parlor Cabinets in French Gold, Vernis-Martin and Rookwood finish. These pieces were purchased much below the regular cost. We offer them on Friday at prices which cannot be equalled elsewhere.

PARLOR CABINETS, Rookwood finish, decorated with hand-painted designs, plate-glass shelf, mirror back; regular price, \$36.75; sale price, **27.00**

MUSIC CABINETS, Vernis-Martin finish; patent doors, finely decorated; regular price \$36.50; sale price, **23.00**

PARLOR CABINETS, finished in the best French gold leaf, swelled front and shaped sides; two plate-glass shelves, mirror back; regular price, \$94.50; sale price, **76.00**

PARLOR CABINETS, finished in the best French gold leaf; panel on door decorated; carved curved legs; one plate-glass shelf, mirror back; regular price, \$68.00; sale price, **54.00**

(Fifth Floor.)

Dress Linings.

36-inch PERCALINES, all shades, Friday, yd. **8**
36-inch MERCERIZED PERCALINES, all shades, Friday, yd. **12 1/2**
36-inch MERCERIZED SATENS, all shades, Friday, yd. **20**
FITTED WAIST LININGS, all sizes, black, gray or white, each. Also about 2,000 Remnants of various qualities of PERCALINES, sold regularly at from 10c to 25c. yard, all at, per yard. **38**

Fancy China.

PLATES, all sizes; fine Austrian china; richly decorated; regularly 15c to 20c. **10**

CUPS AND SAUCERS, large tea size to match above. **10**

PLATES, Bread and Butter size, and FRUIT SAUCERS, finest French Limoges china; regularly 25c. **15**

CREAM JUGS, large size; Austrian china; richly decorated. (Assorted.) **10**

Collet Sets.

You can save nearly half by buying to-morrow. Worth while, isn't it?

6-PIECE TOILET SETS, nicely decorated. **1.85**

9-PIECE TOILET SETS, decorated in natural colors, variety of designs, very heavily gold-stippled edges. **3.50**

12-PIECE TOILET SETS, including slop jar, handsomely decorated and richly gold-stippled edges. (Assorted.) **5.00**

Cuspidors.

OFFICIALLY IMPORTED CHINA; largest size, fancy shapes; regularly sold at 75c. and \$1.00. (Assorted.) **50**

Table Lamps.

For Friday we feature handsomely decorated TABLE LAMPS, fitted with best central draught burner. 10 inch globe richly tinted; regularly \$3.25. **2.25**

TABLE LAMPS, large size, fancy shape, 11 and 12 inch globes, hand-painted decorations, rose and chrysanthemums, on rich tinted background; regularly \$7.00; special. **5.00**

TABLE LAMPS; fancy mounting, hand-painted decorations; 12-inch globe; regularly \$9.00; special. (Third Floor.) **6.75**

112 Piece Dinner Sets

Friday for \$7.50.

Here's a Dinner Set special that is bound to interest you if the saving of a third or more is any importance to you.

112 piece DINNER SETS, handsomely decorated in natural colors, fine thin porcelain, every piece gold-lined, very special for Friday. **7.50**

DINNER SETS, 100 pieces finest French Limoges china, very hand-somely decorated, 5 different decorations; all handles coin gold stippled. **19.00**

DINNER SETS, 100 pieces, finest French Limoges china, very richly decorated, every piece stippled with coin gold edges; regularly \$28.00. **23.50**

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Many at Half Price.

HAND-MADE DOILIES.

Hand-made RENAISSANCE DOILIES, regularly up to 15c. each, at **5**

LACE EDGE DOILIES, regularly 20c. each, at **10**

All-linen fringed DAMASK TRAY CLOTHS at, each. **8**

LACE EDGE TRAY CLOTHS, regularly 75c. each, at **25**

36-INCH HEMSTITCHED TABLE COVERS, with insertion, regularly 35c. each, at **15**

BARGAINS IN SCARFS.

1,500 GUIPURE AND SPACETEL SCARFS, in 1-yard and 1 1/2-yard lengths, many patterns to choose from, regularly up to 95c. each, at **34**

(Main Floor, East of Fountain, 19th St.)

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Children's Aprons

Friday at Reduced Prices.

Here's a chance to buy a few good and pretty Aprons at prices so low that it will not pay you to make them yourself.

Made of White Lawn; waist effects; some are lace trimmed. Only reason we offer them at the low prices named is because they are a bit mussed; one visit to the washboard and they're as new as ever. Sizes 4 to 14. **15**

100 CHILDREN'S APRONS, sold originally for 25c. and 39c.; each, at **15**

100 CHILDREN'S APRONS, some lace trimmed; sold originally for 49c. and 59c.; each, at **39**

(Second Floor, East, 19th St.)

Warm Underwear

For Men, Women and Children.

Mid-Winter Sale of Broken Assortments Begins To-Morrow At 50 to 60 Per Cent. Less Than Former Prices.

A bargain event to enthrall over. Last year's sale was unequalled in its way. This year's will be easily its superior. For stocks are products of the best mills. Underpricing is as liberal as possible.

MEN'S RIBBED SHIRTS, fleeced, 50c. grade, all sizes. **19**

WOMEN'S PURE NATURAL WOOL VESTS AND DRAWERS, all sizes; \$1.25 qualities; at **55**

WOMEN'S FINE RIBBED WOOL VESTS AND DRAWERS, hand-embroidered, silk-trimmed. Also broken lots of RIBBED WOOL OR MERINO VESTS, BLACK TIGHTS, and NATURAL OR WHITE COMBINATION SUITS; qualities up to \$1.75; at **95**

CHILDREN'S VESTS, PANTS AND DRAWERS, fleeced, Merino or wool; qualities up to 75c.; at **19**

(Main Floor, East, 19th St.)

Housekeeping Linens and Muslins.

Clearance Sale of Odd Lots and Remnants At Less Than Factory Prices.

MUSLINS. DINNER CLOTHS.

Odd Lot of BLEACHED MUSLIN and CAMBRIC; regularly up to 8 1/2c. yd.; at **5**

CRASHES. SHEETS & PILLOW CASES.

Bleached Brown CRASHES and Checked GLASS TOWELING, in lengths of 2 1/2 to 5 yds; regularly 7 1/2c. yd.; at **5 to 8**

TABLE DAMASK. Bleached, Cream and Turkey Red DAMASK; in lengths of 1 1/2 to 3 yds; regularly 29c. to \$1.50 yd.; at **19 to 95**

TOWELS. WHITE CROCHET BED SPREADS, full size; regularly 98c. each, at **59**

ODD MARSEILLES SPREADS, some slightly stained; regularly up to \$2.65 each, at **1.49**

ALL-LINEN NAPKINS, in damask patterns, regularly \$1.25 doz.; at **79**

(Main Floor, East of Fountain, 19th St.)

Men's Bath Robes

At Remarkably Low Prices.</